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**Ex Parte Application**

The Honorable Colleen McMahon  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

**MEMO ENDORSED**

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*3/7/08*  
*Granted*  
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**Re: United States v. Nadine Whittingham**  
**07 CR 582 (CM)**

Dear Judge McMahon:

Defendant requests permission to hire an investigator for the purpose of interviewing witnesses in preparation for the trial on April 7, 2008. I am not sure how many witnesses may be interviewed but at this point I would request that the Court consider a voucher at \$85.00 per hour for 20 hours. If more hours are needed, I will inform the Court. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*

Michael Hurwitz, Esq.

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